

## Résumé

For a man, the issues of death and dying represent a very fundamental topic, which is sometimes filled with concerns. The “modern” way of living brings about many improvements and simplifications; at the same time, nevertheless, it also brings a lot of depersonalisation.

The purpose of this PhD thesis is to open and map the conditions and circumstances of the dignified dying in both ways – in theoretical form, as well as (above all) in the form of a qualitative research.

The introduction of the thesis presents the reasons why such a tender topic was selected and it further defines the terms that are elemental for the thesis. After the introduction there follows the comprehensive survey of mainly the theoretical approaches, that are touched by this thesis. The theoretical part opens the view to contemporary conceptions and desires connected with death and dying. It also partly opens the question of the reasons why people fear the death. Last but not least, the theoretical part covers the essence, danger and current anchoring of the right to dignified dying. There follows the very qualitative research after the theoretical part. This research presents important facts and experience of 12 respondents. Those 12 respondents are people who were taking care of gravely ill or dying person either from their family, or their friend. The intention of the thesis is to map the existing situation concerning the possibility of dignified dying in connection with our current social and medical system, and with respect to our contemporary culture and lifestyle. The wishes and needs of the mentioned research respondents – following their experience from both, the period when they were taking care of their fatally ill relative, as well as after his/her death – can look as a kind of contrast to this our currently standard way of living.

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